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Historic Kingston, March. 1975

MARTIN

In 1824, Thomas Markland was involved with Ephraim Blanchard in a dispute over the ownership of 100 acres of land in Ernestown (East half of Lot 25, 4th Concession) - - -

The original owner, as a nominee of the Crown, was Henry Shibley who, some time before the War of 1812, moved across the border into New York State and had recently died. According to his widow, before going to the States he had transferred his Ernestown lot to his brother John, and John Shibley had sold it to William Lee who occupied the adjoining farm. William Lee, however, became so heavily in debt to Thomas Markland that his lands were seized by the Sheriff and sold at public auction, going to Markland as the highest bidder for £55.10.11½. - - -

The counter-claim of Ephraim Blanchard sought to discredit Old Mrs. Shibley's testimony, ^{denying} that her husband had relinquished his ownership of the lot when he left the country retaining it in fact, until shortly before his death. A family of squatters had occupied the lot and finally, after they succeeded in getting a deed of conveyance from Shibley, sold the property to Ephraim Blanchard.

What were the rights and wrongs of this case? Clearly the Widow Shibley's testimony was of crucial importance, but was it reliable? Two or three neighbors testified that she was old, blind, infirm, and that her mind was wandering. Markland, however, had rounded up a former neighbour, Amos Martin, who was prepared to swear that the old lady's mind was sound as a bell. But having given an affidavit to this effect, he then paid a visit to his old family homestead, saw the old lady and realized that he had been mistaken. Being an honest man, he immedi-



ately wrote to Markland withdrawing his testimony and sent a copy of the letter, attested by three witnesses, to the Heir and devisee Commission — a letter which effectively destroyed Markland's claim. The letter follows:

Portland, July 12, 1824

Dear Sir.

On my return home had an opportunity of conversing with my old neighbors and my own Relations, find I was wrong in the affidavits given you . . . Edwards and Williams and others was right. The wrong representation by me was in consequence of Conversation that I had with Old Mrs. Shubley but am satisfied that she was wrong. I do not believe that William Lee ever had any possession or claim on the east half of lot ^{No.} 25 in the fourth Concession of Earnestown. Please to pardon me for making such a gross mistake for I did not mean any wrong.

Yours regretfully

(Signed)

Amos Martin

Witnessed

Dolly ^{her} X Crown
mark

Elisha ^{his} X Crown
mark

Alan McLain, Esqre.



TANNER-MARTIN CONNECTION

as is assumed by

H. C. Burleigh.

15 June, 1960.

James Tanner married 24 Dec., 1753, Mary (Mercy), dau. of Geo. Wilcox.
born 5 Apr., 1733
His will dated 24 June, 1777
divided property between 6
children, with $\frac{1}{2}$ share to
son, Amos.

James as supposed	Amos	Zebulon	William	Benjamin	Elisha	Briston killed 11 Sep. 1777, at battle of Brandywine.
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Assuming that Anos Tanner changed his name to Anos Martin,

we have this information:

Mary -----	first wife--	Amos Martin-Tanner--	2nd	Susannah Ball	3d -----		
d. 1782	!	b. abt 1758-60	!	b. 1762		!	
	!	d. 1838	!	d. 1844		!	
	!		!			!	
	!		!			!	
2 children			!			!	
			!			!	
			!			!	
			!			!	
			!			!	
Amos	James	Susannah	Mary	William	Elisha	Deborah -----	Simeon
b. 1782	b. 1	b. 1797		b. 1790	b. 1799		b. abt. 1822
		= Michael Ryan Percy					
		b. 1795 & 1855					

Note that Anos, Sr., named one of his sons after his father, namely, James. At that time it was the custom to name the first child after the paternal grandfather. This should mean that James was the first son. He might well be the son who was killed by a falling tree-root.

Note that all the sons of Amos, Sr., have names of his brothers, namely, James, William and Elisha, and also that one daughter, Mary, was named for his paternal grandmother. This fact tells me that Amos Tanner, of Rhode Island, is the same person as Amos Martin, of Vermont and Upper Canada.

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AMOS MARTIN, Senior.

Amos Martin, Sen. was a resident of Rhode Island State before the Revolutionary War of 1775 to 1783. From July 4th¹⁷⁷⁶ on there was deep hatred of everything British and all loyalists were considered traitors. Whether Amos Martin had been too openly siding with the British, we do not know. But at any rate, in 1778, he decided to (or was forced to) leave his people and go north to the state of Vermont where the British army was able for some years to protect the loyalist refugees.

It is reasonable to think that he may have been a volunteer in the British army stationed at that time in Vermont, because in later years his loyalty was certified to by five men who knew him well, and of those five, three were military men. At any rate he was under the protection of the British army.

In 1783 (the year the Peace of Paris was signed) the British Government appointed a Commission to compensate the United Empire Loyalists for their losses and to settle them in Canada.

The next year, 1784, was the year of the greatest migration of the Loyalists to Canada. Amos Martin, Sen. was one of them. He left Vermont in 1784 and came to Ernesttown in Canada. There is a record of "two sons born before 1789". One of these at least, the eldest, Amos Martin, Jun. was born in Vermont in 1782. It is certain, therefore, that he and his wife and at least one son came to Canada at that time. The Government allowed him 300 acres of land. He took up 100 acres at about that time. Thirteen years later, 1797, he petitioned for and got 200 acres still due to him.

In a later communication, Jan. 1819, a certificate of identification and recommendation was signed by five neighbors who knew him for many years before 1807. These neighbors were named Clarke, Parrot and Fraser. The Atlas of 1878 of the township of Ernesttown shows locations of Clarks, Parrotts and Frasers (descendants, no doubt) along the eastern part of the township in the 2nd. and 3rd. concessions, south and east of the village of Odessa. It was in this district that he probably settled as a farmer. The record says he "made improvements thereon". To further support this supposition his reference to Lot 25, Conc. 5 in Richmond township as being "seven miles from inhabitants" in the year 1792 would be the approximate distance between the district south-east of Odessa and the land he later purchased in Richmond.

In 1792 he purchased a 200 acre farm (Lot 25, Conc. 5) in Richmond. The purchase price was a yoke of oxen, - he had not even seen the land before he bought it. He says: "After I purchased this land I went and took a slight look at the land and thought it not good. The land at that time was in the wilderness, seven miles from inhabitants. I did not suppose it would be inhabited for many years". (His son, Amos, was then 10 years old). This 200 acres of land was originally granted to William Walker who "had drawn it as Lord Dorchester's bounty."

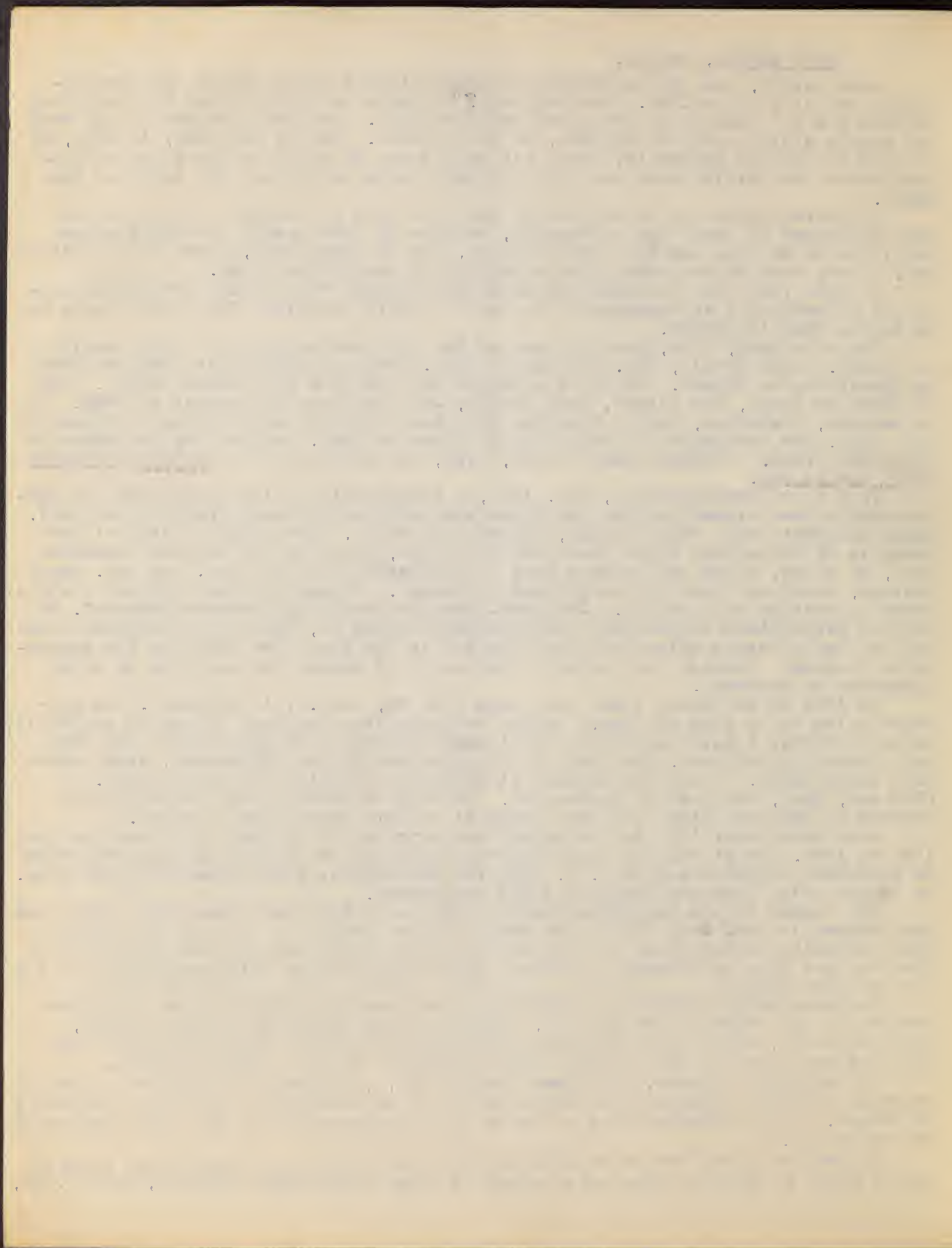
Lord Dorchester (Sir Guy Carleton) was governor of British North America from 1786 to 1796. He it was who was completely responsible for the granting of lands to disbanded soldiers and to U. E. Loyalist settlers in Upper Canada at that time. He looked after them and arranged their settlement.

The record in the surveyor-general's office in Kingston showed that this land was entered in Land Book "J" in the name of Amos Martin. A note is added that "the authority is not found in this office" which would seem to indicate that the land had not been registered in any one else's name before being registered in the name of Amos Martin.

The ownership of this land could not have been considered of any great importance by the Walker's who sold it, for when title was being traced in 1819, 27 years later, the only description that William Walker's wife could give was that "it was a lot of land of 200 acres somewhere near the Napanee River".

It is clear, however, that Amos Martin, Sen., , paying no attention to his 200 acres in Richmond township, continued to reside in Ernesttown, probably south-east of Odessa. It is recorded that he "made large improvements on two lots (400 acres) of land there."

It may or it may not be significant that the name of an Amos Martin appears in an Atlas of 1878 as owner of a parcel of land in Portland township, lot No. 19,



Concession 7 along the west side of the Napanee River a short distance north of the village of Petworth. It is just possible that this Amos Martin was a descendant.

Letters on file in the Public Archives state Amos Martin, Sen. left the township of Ernesttown and the province of Upper Canada in 1807. He had been 10 years on the land he had been granted in 1797. His eldest son was then 25 years old. He left Canada to go back to Rhode Island State. "I thought the time long that I never had heard from my friends nor they from me".

Apparently the trip did not turn out very well as he was sick for a long time. Then "he returned to the town of Broom" (now called Brome) He may have lived in Brome before as it was just across the boundary from Vermont where he had lived for six years before coming to Canada. Some of his people may have moved from Rhode Island to Quebec sometime after the year 1778. Otherwise when he "returned" to Canada he would probably have returned to Ernesttown. The date of his return "into the town of Broom" is uncertain, - probably between 1811 and 1815. It may be that the breaking out of the war of 1812 with its revival of old animosities had something to do with his leaving Rhode Island State for the second time.

However, he must have kept in touch with his sons in Ernesttown which he had left in 1807, for when the time came that his eldest son, Amos, wanted his help in getting title to his farm in Richmond, he knew where his father was living. The record describes him as a "yeoman" (farmer) living in the County of Bedford in the District of Montreal. His address was the town or township of "Broom".

Came the year 1818. His son, Amos, was now 36 and he wanted title to land in Richmond township. There was, probably, some correspondence between father and son, lasting several months. Amos Martin, Sen. said: "my son wrote me concerning this land".

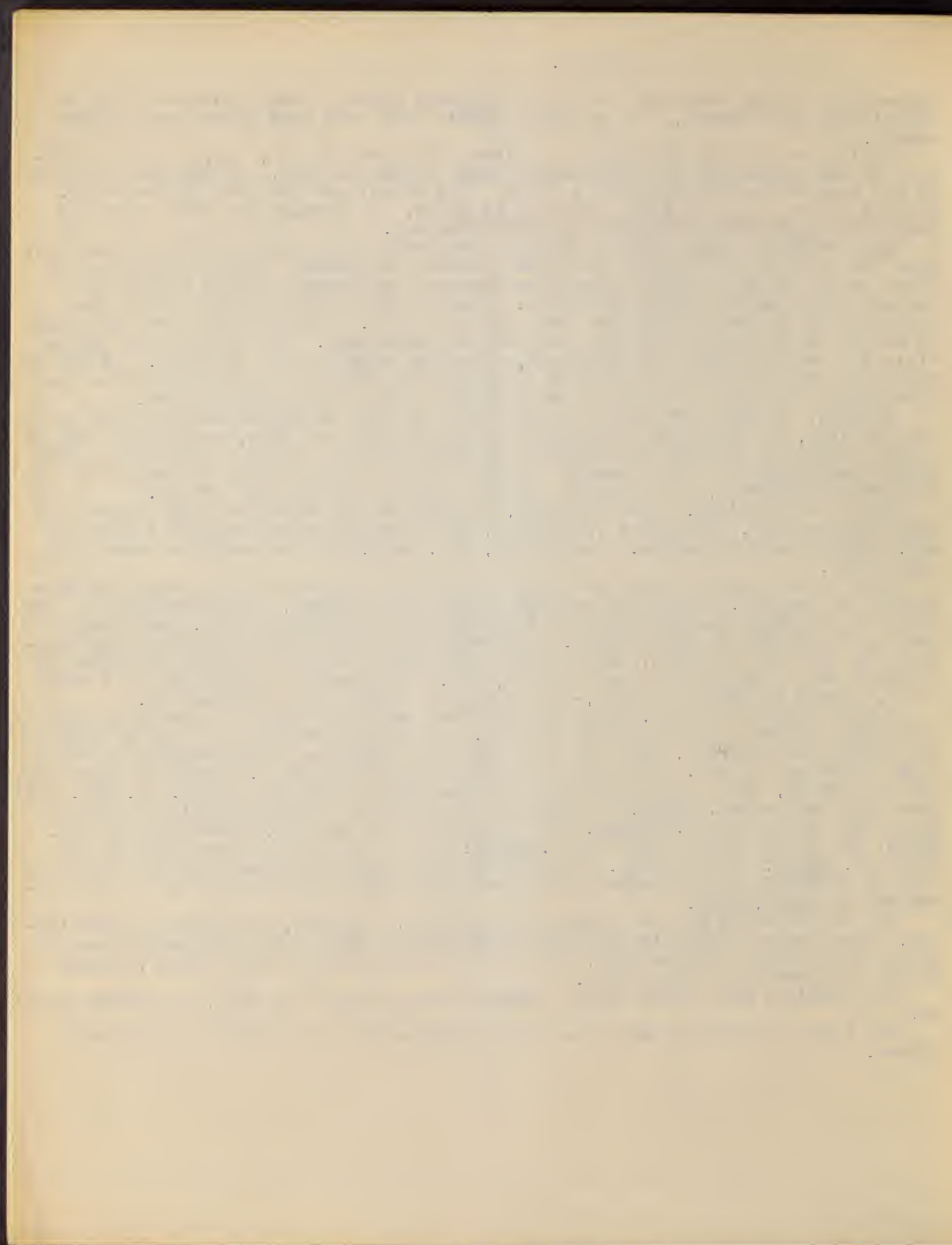
Then in the month of July in the year 1818 the son came all the way from Ernesttown to see him, to get him to sign a Power of Attorney. Or it may be that the Power of Attorney was prepared at the instance of Amos Martin, Jun. and simply sent to his father to have signed. The signing of the Power of Attorney was certified by the Notary Public, Leon Lalarme and served to show (1) That the Power of Attorney was valid (2) That Amos Martin, Sen. was present in person at that time in St. Armand in Bedford County, - the county in which Broom is situated.

Several months went by. Doubts had arisen as to his right to the title and his right to pass on the right to his son. It became necessary for him to return to Ernesttown in person, which he did; and for a Petition to be prepared in his name and signed by him. The evidence shows that he was in St. Armand in Lower Canada on July 20, 1818; and that he was in Ernesttown in person on Feb. 19. 1819. Five questions had arisen. First: His identification as an original settler in Ernesttown along with his son. Second: How he had acquired the 200~~0~~ acres in Richmond. Third: Why he had never lived on it. Fourth: Why he had left the country and not returned. Fifth: His loyalty. Answers to these questions were prepared in the form of affidavits and attached to the Petition which was then sent in to the Government in March, 1819.

But the Petition was not immediately granted. In June, the member of parliament, Isaac Fraser added his official certificate to show that Amos Martin was now actually residing in Ernesttown, that he had resided there "many years", making "large improvements on two lots".

The Petition with these proofs attached was granted July 1819, and title granted.

The above information is to be found in documents in the Public Archives in Ottawa.



THE TANNER FAMILY OF RHODE ISLAND.

State Library, Albany, New York.

21 May, 1960.

William TANNER, Sr., of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, born about 1660, married firstly, a daughter of Henry Tibbetts. Issue:

1. William (inherited land from his grandfather, Henry Tibbetts in the Town of North Kingstown, R. I.). (See the genealogy of William Tanner, of North Kingstown, R. I., and his Descendants, published by the Rev. George C. Tanner, D. D., of Faribault, Minn., 1905).

Married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Job Babcock, of Westerly, R. I., and wife, Jane Grandall. (Job Babcock's will, dated 26 March, 1715; probated 7 April, 1718). Issue:

2. Benjamin, born 24 Dec., 1692. Assumed to be the father of
 1. Thomas Tanner, who was born about 1705-10, and married Martha ----- between 1728-30, and moved to Cornwall, Conn. in 1740. Thomas died in 1750, about 45 years old, and left a young family and a widow who died in May, 1751. Their children:
 1. William, born about 1729 in Rhode Island. He married Hannah Newcomb, of Kent, on 23 March, 1749. They settled in Cornwall. Issue:
 1. Consider.
 2. Tryal.
 3. Ephraim.
 4. Ebenezer.
 5. William.
 6. Joseph.
 2. Mehetabel.
 3. Hannah.
 4. Thomas, born 30 June, 1743; enlisted in the Indian Wars at 18 years of age, and served 2 years.
 3. ~~John. Abigail~~
 4. Avis.
 5. Mary.

Married, thirdly, Elizabeth (maybe daughter of Francis and Anna Colgrove, of Westerly, born about 1688). Issue:

6. Francis, born 3 July, 1708.
 7. Nathan, born 20 Feb., 1709/10.
 8. Anna, born 15 March, 1712.
 9. Rebecca, born 3 July, 1714.
 10. Elizabeth, born 14 Nov., 1717.
 11. Abigail, born 17 Oct., 1719.
2. Benjamin (William 1), born 24 Dec., 1692 (probably) in South Kingstown, R. I., married, firstly, Joanna, third child of Samuel and Joanna (Grandall) Lewis. (Samuel's will dated 5 Aug., 1734; probated 1 Feb., 1739.). Joanna died after 1733. Issue:

Also "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution," enlisted May 3, 1775, third company, discharged Dec. 16.

Among the Revolutionary Pensioners of Illinois appears one, A. Tanner, aged 86, Morgan County. No residence further than one above given, and no friend named.

If the son of James Tanner, of West Greenwich, this would make him the oldest, or next to the oldest son.

In Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, vol. XV., p. 379, we find the name of Amos Tanner, Swansey, among the list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, as returned by Capt. Joseph Parker, residence, Swansey, engaged for the town of Rochester, joined Col. Lee's regiment, terms three years--also list of men mustered subsequent to March 17, 1778, by James Leonard, Mister Master for Plymouth County, dated April 7, 1778, Col. William Lee's regiment.

This is probably Amos Tanner, of West Greenwich. This is rendered more likely from the fact that we find among the Tanners named William, of West Greenwich, R. I., engaged May 23, 1778, term three years, for the town of Rochester. (See full record, as above, vol. XV, "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors, &c")

Also, Nathan, enlistment date, North Kingstown, R. I., Jan. 22, 1778, etc.

See also Helyer Tanner, Master's Mate, Continental frigate "Deane," page 379, vol. XV, also George, Richmondtown, R. I.; Quam Tanner, ditto.

As we know of no Tamers residing in Massachusetts, and it is highly ~~probable~~ improbable that so many could be duplicated, we are led to the conclusion that all the Tanners in the list of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors were from Rhode Island.

The above pedigree is from

"William Tanner, Sr., of South Kingstown, Rhode Island
and His Descendants, in four Parts,
by Rev. George C. Tanner, D. D.,
Faribault, Minnesota.
Published by the Author, 1910.

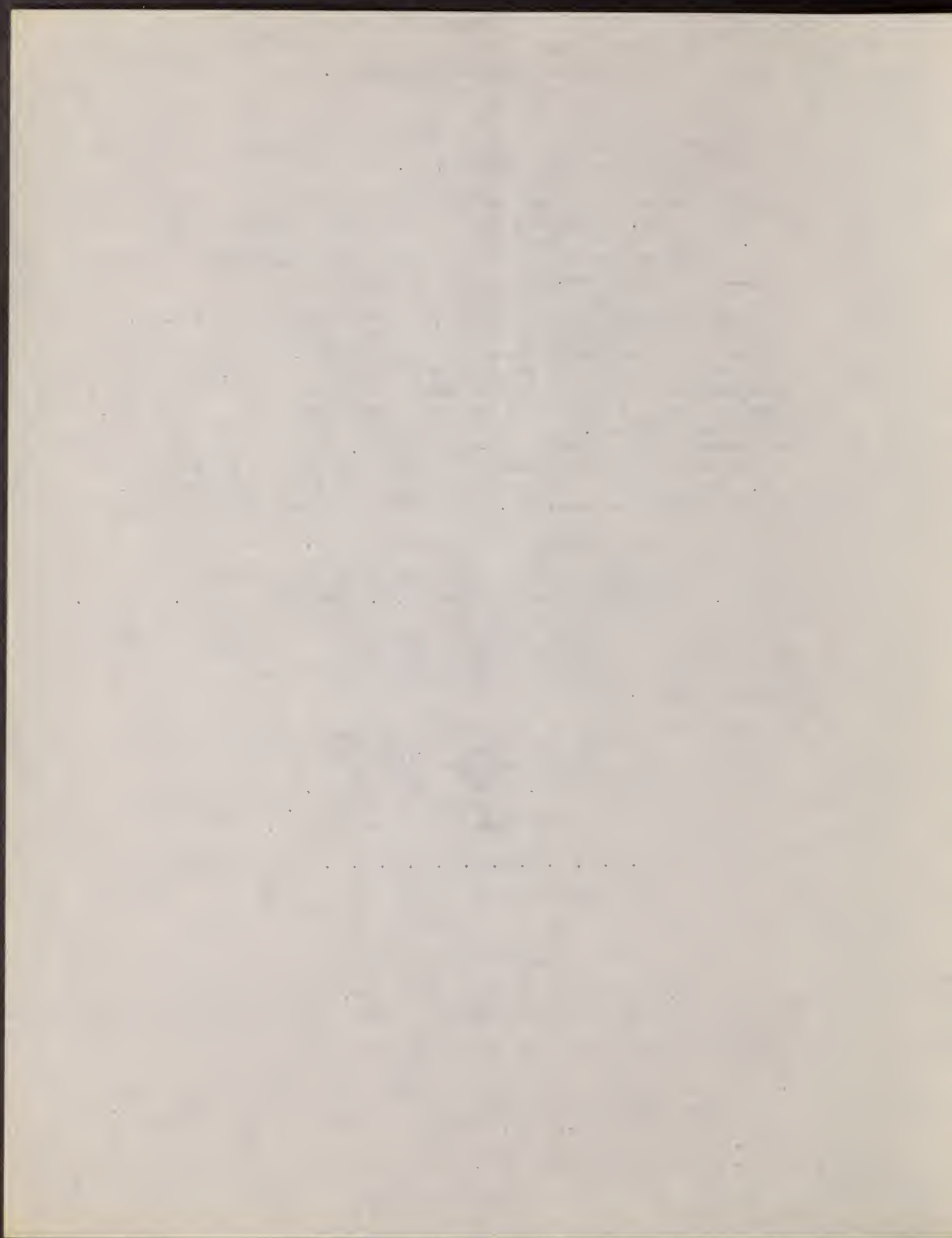
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TANNER

William TANNER, Sr., of South Kingstown, Rhode Island. Born about 1660 in London, England. Brought to America by people at 14 years of age. Escaped and settled in Rhode Island.

Married three times. Third wife was Elizabeth Cottrell. Issue by her:

1. Francis, born 3 July, 1708, at South Kingstown, Rhode Island; married 26 Feb., 1728, Mary Tosh(?); died at Newport, R. I. She died 10 Nov., 1745. He died 3 Jan., 1777. Issue:
 1. Aney, born 11 Oct., 1729.
 2. Josias, born 10 June, 1734.



3. Isaac, born 4 Sept., 1736.
 4. Dorcas, born 28 Feb., 1739.
 5. Susannah, born 2 Nov., 1745.
Francis married, secondly, Elizabeth Sheldon about 1748. Issue:
 6. William, born 9 May, 1751.
 7. Joshua, born 27 July, 1757.
2. Nathan, born 20 Feb., 1710, at South Kingston, R. I.; married 28 May, 1734, Mary Cottrell, of the same place. Issue:
 1. David, born 25 Nov., 1735.
 2. Nathan, born 1737.
 3. Abel, born 7 Sept., 1740.
 3. Anna, born 15 March, 1712. No record.
 4. Rebecca, born 2 July, 1714; married 16 March, 1734, Benjamin Brand, of South Kingston. Issue:
 1. Amos, born 8 Feb., 1745.
 5. Elizabeth, born 14 Nov., 1717, at South Kingston; married 28 Dec., 1737, Benjamin Burdick. No record.
 6. Abigail, born 17 Oct., 1719, at South Kingston, R. I. No record.
- Josias, born 10 June, 1734, at South Kingston, R. I. (see above); married 5 Dec., 1754, Anne Blackman, born 19 May, 1736; died 17 May, 1769, at South Kingston. Issue:
1. Elizabeth, born 15 Sept., 1755.
 2. Hannah, born 29 April, 1758.
 3. Josias, born 30 May, 1763.

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Cowell's Spirit of '76, Rhode Island.

Tanner, Amos, Corporal, Capt. Dyer's Company, Col. Lipnitt's Regiment; on Company pay roll Sept., 1776; deserted afterwards.

Tanner, Elisha, private, Col. Topham's Regiment, 1776; pay due £ 31.10.00

12. Sarah, born 19 May, 1726; died unmarried.
 13. Mary, born 21 Feb., 1719; died unmarried.
 14. Joanna, born 3 July, 1721; married Joseph, son of John Tanner, of Richmond (Westerly), R. I.
 15. Content, born 8 Nov., 1726; died unmarried.
 16. Benjamin, born 20 Aug., 1730. See below.
 17. James, born 5 April, 1733. See below.
- Married, secondly, 13 April, 1741, Deborah Stillman, of Westerly, who was born 11 Jan., 1706/7. Issue:
18. Deborah, born 22 Jan., 1741/2; died unmarried in 1814, aged 72 years.
 19. Nathaniel, born in -----.

Benjamin's will is dated 23 April, 1767, and probated 29 June, 1767. He was a miller, yeoman and freeman of South Kingstown and East Greenwich. He was a member of the First Sabbatarian Church of the present town of Hopkinton. He served as petit juror in 2 Dec., 1746, and grand juror in 1762. He died in 1767. His second wife, Deborah, was a daughter of George Stillman, of Westerly, whose will dated 18 April, 1750, mentions his wife, Deborah (Crandall) Stillman, and his daughter, Deborah Tanner.

16. Benjamin (Benjamin, William), born 20 Aug., 1730, married firstly Elizabeth Colegrove, who was born 2 June, 1720, daughter of Francis and Hannah (Bailey) Colegrove, of Warwick, R. I. Issue:

20. Benjamin.

21. Mary.

22. Hannah, born 14 March, 1758

23. Joanna.

Benjamin married, secondly, 5 June, 1762, Hannah, daughter of Oliver Perkins, of Scituate. Issue:

24. Joseph, born 9 Feb., 1763.

25. John, born 22 April, 1764.

26. Nathan, born 11 April, 1766.

27. Oliver, born 7 May, 1768.

28. Clarke, born 5 June, 1771.

29. Stephen, born 13 April, 1774.

30. Silas, born 14 Oct., 1776.

17. James (Benjamin, William), born 5 April, 1733, in South Kingstown, R. I., married 24 Dec., 1753, Mary (Mercy), daughter of George Wilcox, of Stonington. Issue (order in birth not known):

31. James (as supposed).

32. Amos.

33. Zebulon.

34. William, born 5 Feb., 1761.

35. Benjamin, born in 1771.

36. Elisha.

37. Briston, who was killed in the battle of Brandywine, 11 Sept., 1777.

The will of James Tanner, made 24 June, 1777, gives all his estate to his wife, Mary, for her use during life if she does not marry, and "to bring up my small children," and after her death or marriage, to his small children, excepting Amos, who is to have half as much as the rest. The names of the other children are not named, and no names or dates of birth are in the

Town Records.

The names of the children of James Tanner, of West Greenwich, are obtained from other records, as follows below:

March 26, 1785, a guardian is appointed, on application, to care for this property.

The following is found in the Town Records of West Greenwich: "Apr. 19, 1784, William Tanner and Mary, widow, sell to Ebenezer Wilcox two elevenths of a tract of eighty acres (This was the amount of land owned by James Tanner, lying along Wood River).

Aug. 10, 1786, Zebulon Tanner, of West Greenwich, sells his right and title in eighty acres, bounded south by the land of the heirs of Nathaniel Tanner, south west on Wood River, north and north east by the land of Thomas Stone, &c.

Oct. 18, 1791, Benjamin Tanner, of the county of Hampshire, Mass., yeoman, sells to Paul Perkins, of Exeter, land in West Greenwich, lot No. 2, "formerly belonging to my honored father, James Tanner," divided by a jury, by order of a superior court of judicature, &c.

(signed) Benjamin Tanner.

Jan. 17, 1792, Elisha Tanner and wife, Abigail, of Randolph, County of Orange, Vermont, sell to Thomas Stone eight acres, bounded west on Wood River, that that Thomas Wilcox's grist mill stands on, south on land of Nathaniel Turner, which belongs to his heirs, and land of Thomas Wilcox, &c. (Elisha Tanner was a drummer in Col. John Topham's Regiment, R. I.--"Spirit of '76")

This gives us the names of the children of James Tanner at the time the court ordered the division of the land, with the exception of two--James and Briston, and two elevenths not accounted for. But the writer is informed by a descendant of this branch of the family that Briston Tanner was killed in the battle of Brandywine; unmarried.

A Zophar Tanner appears among the Rhode Island Continental soldiers. But no record is found of his descendants, and the writer is inclined to the opinion that he was either an Indian or a colored servant belonging to one of the families, as it is known that there were such.

Of the seven sons of James Tanner of West Greenwich, six are known to have been Continental soldiers, whose record will appear later.

It appears from the record above, that one portion, or two-elevenths, of the estate remains unaccounted for, which may be the portion of James Tanner, who with Job Tanner, appears in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1775. In the census of West Greenwich, 1777, two persons appear of the name of James Tanner, who must be father and son, there being no others of that name.

It appears from the Town Records of West Greenwich that a colony from Rhode Island settled in Dutchess County. In 1763, Edward Thorne, of Dutchess County, desires letters to said county from West Greenwich, as was the custom in removing from one town to another. Charles and Francis Berry ask advice from the Select Men of West Greenwich regarding the care of a child, asking for help. In 1770 a Certificate is asked of the council of West Greenwich, R. I., for

The first of these is the fact that the United States is a young nation, and that its history is a history of growth and development. The second is the fact that the United States is a nation of immigrants, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these immigrants. The third is the fact that the United States is a nation of free men, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these free men. The fourth is the fact that the United States is a nation of law, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these laws. The fifth is the fact that the United States is a nation of peace, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these peace. The sixth is the fact that the United States is a nation of justice, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these justice. The seventh is the fact that the United States is a nation of liberty, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these liberty. The eighth is the fact that the United States is a nation of equality, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these equality. The ninth is the fact that the United States is a nation of unity, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these unity. The tenth is the fact that the United States is a nation of progress, and that its history is a history of the struggle for the rights of these progress.

the children of Daniel Case, which is refused, then sojourning in the town of Dover, Province of New York.

James Tanner would therefore be considered a citizen of West Greenwich and enrolled accordingly until he had by certificate, or property, become a citizen of Dutchess County. William Tanner, of Exeter, had already emigrated to Rensselaer County, and Thomas Tanner, of Rhode Island, had settled in Litchfield County, Conn., which adjoined that part of New York. It is not unlikely therefore that James Tanner, of Dutchess County, was a son of James Tanner, of West Greenwich.

This is confirmed by the fact that in 1786 Zebulon Tanner, of West Greenwich, and Samuel Potter, of Batesman Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, request the Town Council of West Greenwich support for a child.

Among the list of Tanners in the Revolution who served in Massachusetts Regiments is the name of James Tanner, private, 8th Company, Col. John Bailey's Regiment, Continental Army, pay accounts for services from May 2 to May 11, 1777, reported deserted, aged 26 years, stature 5 ft. 8 inches, enlistment 3 years--deserted May 11, 1777--reported a transient. Attention is called to the fact that nearly all of the Tanners reported as serving in the Continental Army in Massachusetts are Rhode Island Tanners; that the "desertion" was about the time of the last sickness of James Tanner, of West Greenwich.

While there are some difficulties in this theory, we offer it as a possible solution. Nearly every father named a son after his own name; and while the tombstone record of the age of the father seems to conflict with the age of the enlistment as also the marriage, yet there may be an error in transcribing the dates.

19. Nathaniel (Benjamin, William), son of Benjamin and Deborah (Stillman) Tanner, born in West Greenwich, R. I., married Watey Ely, of West Greenwich. He died in 1782. Inventory of goods 20 May, 1782. Wife, Wate, makes her will Dec. 22, 1782. Issue:

38. Anna.

39. Elizabeth.

40. Stillman, born 4 June, 1770.

Elizabeth emigrated with her sister, Anna, to New York; she never married, and died before 1845.

32. Amos (James, Benjamin, William), son of James (17) and Mary (Wilcox) Tanner, born in West Greenwich, R. I., married Mary -----: two children, names not given.

It appears from the Town Record of June 29, 1782, referring to the "late wife" of Amos Tanner, that Mary died in the first half of this year.

No further record appears, and the writer is unable to trace any descendants to Amos Tanner, or to say whether his line is extinct.

The name of Amos Tanner appears among the recruits enlisted in Windham County, Conn., for a regiment for Bunker Hill to serve from May 3 to Dec. 16, 1775. In the pay roll of 1776, due Amos Tanner, Second Corporal, Jan. 26 to Sept., \$1.35 $\frac{1}{2}$. He appears to have enlisted in his own State in 1776, Jan. 26. See also Rhode Island Historical Society (Providence) Manuscript No. 264.

AMOS MARTIN, of Rhode Island, Vermont and Upper Canada.

1. Born in Rhode Island, according to his affidavit, dated Feb. 19, 1819.
He born about 1758-60. His wife, Susannah, born in 1762, according to the inscription on her tombstone in Wilton Cemetery.
2. He left Rhode Island for Vermont in 1778.
3. Amos Martin, Sergeant in Capt. Merrick's Company, which assisted the Sheriff of Brattleboro, Vermont, in Sept., 1782.
4. Amos Martyn in a company of men mustered at Brattleboro, Vermont, Dec. 24, 1782, to suppress an insurrection in that region.
5. His son, Amos, born in Vermont Nov. 4, 1782.
6. Amos Martin, wife and two children provisioned at St. John's, Quebec in Jan., 1784.
7. Amos Martin, wife and two children on provision list at Johnstown, Upper Canada in 1785 or 1786.
8. Living on Amherst Island in 1793, when his mother-in-law, Mrs. Deborah Ball was interred Sept. 15, 1793.
9. Appointed constable of Amherst Island in April, 1794.
10. His children, James, Amos, Susannah, William and Mary baptized on Amherst Island on Sept. 15, 1794.
11. He was already a Mason when he is listed on 1 June, 1797, as a 'Visitor of St. John's' Lodge, Kingston, Ont.
12. Amos Martin and brother-in-law, Solomon Ball, signed a petition for a Masonic Lodge at Bath on 14 Sept., 1802.
13. Amos Martin was first Senior Warden at the formation of a Masonic Lodge in Bath, Ontario, on 19 Feb., 1803.
14. He was Senior Warden of this same Lodge in Nov., 1806.
15. Amos Martin, according to his affidavit of Feb. 19, 1819, returned to Rhode Island in 1807, leaving behind a wife and family of at least six children ranging in age from 25 to 8 years.
16. The offertory of 14/9 at St. John's Anglican Church, Bath, on 25 Sept., 1808, was, by consent of the congregation, given to the relief of William Martin. Assuming that he was the son of Amos, he was then 18 years of age, and likely the one responsible for the sustenance of the children and grass widow of Amos, who had returned to Rhode Island the year previous.
17. Susannah Ball and Peter Asselstine, both of Ernesttown, were married 1 Jan., 1809, by Rev. Robert McDowall, Presbyterian minister. Susannah is presumed to be the grass widow of Amos Martin, she taking her maiden name after being deserted. Her gravestone in Wilton Cemetery reads: "Susannah Asselstine, died Feb. 20, 1844, aged 82 years. Erected by her son, William Martin."

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18. Power of Attorney granted by Amos Martin, Sr., to his son, Amos, Jr., dated 18 July, 1818, at Broome, in the County of Bedford, Province of Quebec, authorizing him to 'take possession of Lot No. 25 in the 5th concession of Richmond.
19. Amos Martin, Sr., appeared before a notary public on 20 July, 1818, at St. Armand, Quebec, to acknowledge that the above power of attorney was 'his proper act and deed.'
20. 25 Jan., 1819, a certificate of character re Amos Martin, Sr., signed by five prominent persons in Ernesttown Township.
21. 18 Feb., 1819. Certificate of Amos Martin, Sr., that he had bought Lot No. 25, Concession 5, Richmond Township, from Mary Huntley, widow of William Walker, U.E., in the year 1792.
22. 19 Feb., 1819. Certificate of Mary Huntley, widow of William Walker, U.E., that she had sold the above mentioned lot to Amos Martin, Sr., in the year 1792.
23. Oath of Amos Martin, Sr., dated 28 Feb., 1819, stating the circumstances under which he had bought the above mentioned lot of land, and the reasons why he had never improved it.
24. 19 July, 1819. Warrant issued to Amos Martin for the above mentioned lot.
25. According to family tradition, Amos Martin, Sr., returned to Upper Canada in the fall or winter of 1837-8, bringing with him a son, Simeon, then a boy of about fifteen years of age.
26. Amos Martin, Jr., is said to have accompanied his father on his return to Broome, where his father was greeted as 'Mr. Tamer.' This was in 1837-8.
27. Amos Martin, Sr., is said to have died in Broome in 1838.

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TANNER

9 Aug. 1947

Query

~~Ans.~~ A-7844 - (1) COLGROVE - (——) - TANNER

Ancestry of Frances Colgrove - Colegrove and of his wife
Anne - Anna —; early settlers of Westerly had at least
children

Frances (2)

o dau. who married William (1) Tanner.

(2) TANNER - TIBBETTS - BABCOCK - COLGROVE.

William (1) Tanner was of South Kingstown, R.I., & mar. —

Tibbetts; 2nd Mary, dau of Job Babcock of Westerly and

3rd. — Colgrove who had a son

Frances, b. S. Kingstown, 1708

(3) Frances (2) Tanner lived for a time in Newport; was kinsman
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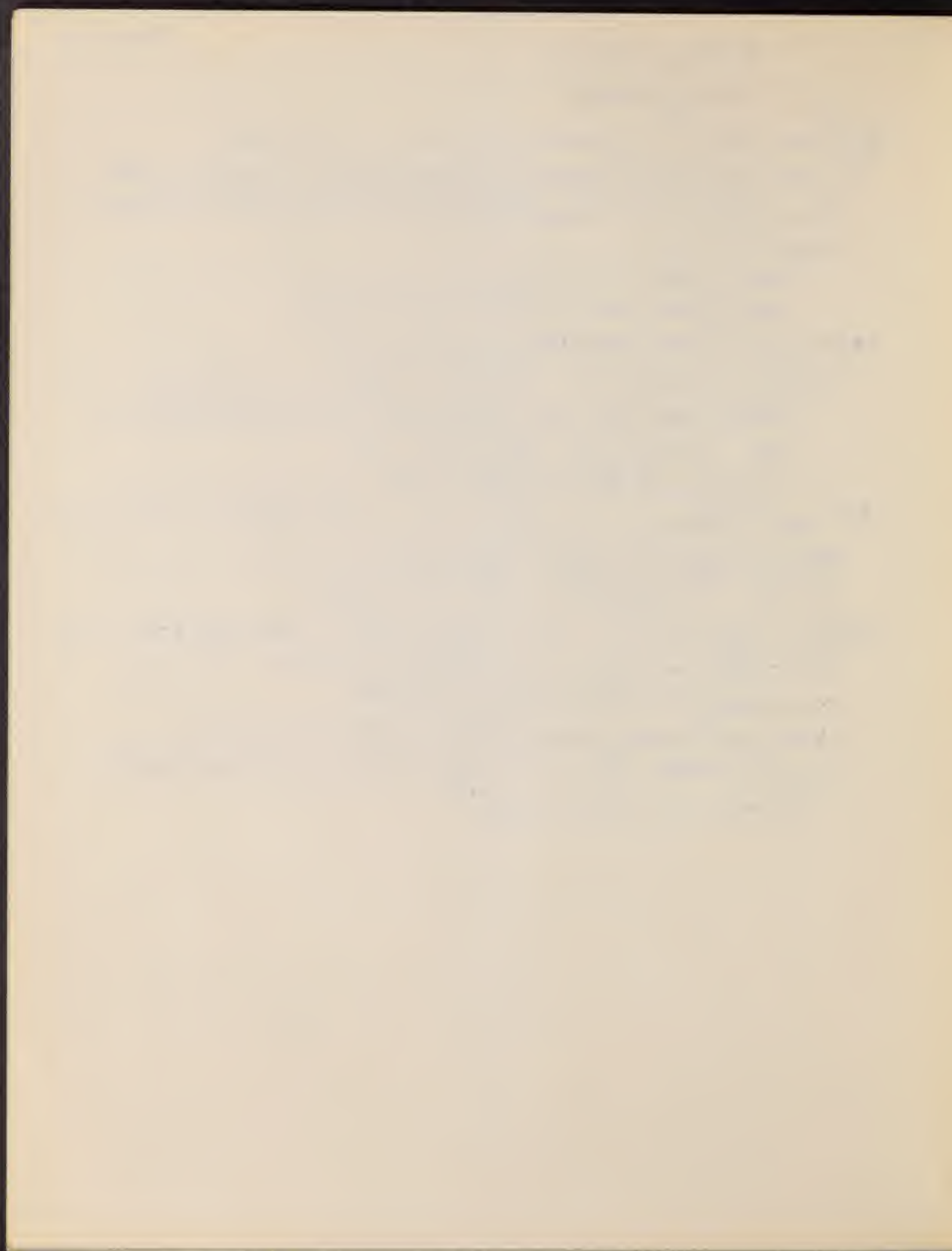
(4) Deacon John Tanner was a goldsmith in Newport; he may
have lived earlier in Westerly where he

mar. 4 Aug., 1736, Mary Colgrove 1711-1776

mar. 2nd Westerly, 17 April, 1779, Freshlove Saunders.

Was his brother James the James Tanner who mar. Boston,

20 Mar., 1737, Sarah Sweet?



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WILCOX

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Elizabeth (2) Alden, dau. of John and Priscilla, b. abt 1623-4, as she was 3 years old in 1627; married Duxbury 26 Dec 1644 William (2) Pabodie, son of John and Isabel. He was b. 1620; d. Little Compton, R.I. 13 Dec. 1707; wife, Elizabeth, d. there 31 May 1717.

Children — Third generation

1. John, 1645-1669, unmarried.
2. Elizabeth, b. 24 Apr. 1647, d. before 1707; mar. 16 Nov. 1666, John (3) Rogers (John 2 and Ann Chamberlain Thomas of the Maryflower, five children).
3. Mary, b. 7 Aug. 1648, d. after 1727; mar. Duxbury 16 Nov. 1669, Edward Southworth, son of Constant and Elizabeth (Collier) Southworth; he d. abt. 1727. seven children b. Duxbury.
4. Mercy, b. 2 Jan. 1649, d. 1728; mar. 1671 John (2) Simmons (Moses-1 and Sarah), nine children.
5. Martha, b. 24 Feb. 1650; d. Little Compton 25.1.1712; mar. Duxbury, Samuel Seabury (son of John and Grace) b. 10 Dec. 1640; d. Duxbury 5 Aug. 1681. Martha married second, abt. 1682, William Fobes (son of John and Constant (Mitchell) Fobes), he was b. 1649-50, died Little Compton, 1712. She had two Seabury children and four Fobes.
6. Priscilla, born 15 Jan. 1653, d. Kingston, 3 June. 1724; married 24 Dec. 1677. Rev. Schabod Wiswell (son of Thomas and Elizabeth). He was b. 1637-8; married first Remember —; he d. 23 July. 1700; six children by wife Priscilla.
7. Sarah, b. 7 Aug. 1656; d. Little Compton, 27 Aug. 1740; married 16 Nov. 1681, John Coe (son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Whatley) Coe); he was b. 30 June. 1649-50; d. Little Compton 16 Dec. 1728. Nine children b. Duxbury and Little Compton.
8. Ruth, b. 27 June. 1658; d. Duxbury, 27 Aug. 1740; married there

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Sept. 1678, Benjamin Bartlett (son of Benjamin and Sarah (Brewster) Bartlett and grandson of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlett. Sarah Brewster was dau. of Love and Sarah (Collier) Brewster; grand-dau of William of the Mayflower; Mary Warren was daughter of Richard of the Mayflower). Nine Bartlett children b. Duxbury.

9. Rebecca, b. 16 Oct., 1660; d. Little Compton, 3 Dec., 1732; married 1680, William Southworth (son of Constant and Elizabeth Collier). He was b. 1659; d. Little Compton, 25 June, 1719. His second wife was Martha (Kirtland) Blague, later Blake. Nine children by Rebecca.
10. Hannah, b. 15 Oct. 1662; d. after 1714; married 2 Aug., 1683, Samuel Bartlett, son of Benjamin and Sarah Brewster, (see above); he died 1713. Seven children probably born Duxbury.
11. William Pabodie, b. 24 Nov. 1664; d. Little Compton 17 Sept., 1744; married Judith —; 2nd Elizabeth or Ruth; married third widow Mary (Morgan) Starr. Eight children b. Little Compton.
12. Lydia, b. 3 Apr. 1667, d. Killingworth, now Clinton, Conn., 3 July, 1748; married abt. 1683, Daniel Grinnell (son of Daniel and Mary (Wodell) Grinnell). He was b. abt. 1668, died 1740. Eleven children, probably all born Saybrook, Conn.

References: Mrs. Alden's Alden Gen. (N. E. H. & G. Reg., Vol 52).

Duxbury V. R.; Little Compton V. R.

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Hartford Times

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WILCOX

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WILCOX-WHITE. A chart of ancestors includes the following:
Edward Wilcox ~~or~~ Wilcoxson, had a son Daniel (2) who mar. Plymouth,
Mass., 28 Nov., 1661, Elizabeth Cooke, dau. of John (2) Cooke (Francis
of the Mayflower) and his wife, Sarah Warren, dau. of Richard of
the Mayflower.

Samuel (3) Wilcox, b. 1662, d. 1702

Mar. 1682 Mary Wood, b. 1664, dau. of William Woods b. 1664, dau. of
William Wood, b. 1697, and Martha Earl, dau. of Ralph Wark
and Joan Savage. William Wood was son of John and Sarah
(Malerson) Wood. See N. E. H. G., vol 22, also "Ye Atwood family."

Jeremiah (4) Wilcox, b. Dartmouth, Mass., 24 Sept., 1682, d. abt 1751,

Mar. Mary Sanford

Mar. 2d 11 Feb 1738, Judith Briggs, b. 27 May, 1710, who mar.
2nd John Amory. Judith was dau. of William Briggs, who
d. Little Compton, R.I., 23 Nov., 1751, and wife Elizabeth Tobes,
b. 1683, dau. of William and Martha (Pabodie) Tobes; Martha
Pabodie was dau. of William and Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie;
William Tobes was son of John Tobes and Constant Mitchell;
William Briggs was son of John (2) (John - 1) and Hannah Fisher,
dau. of Edward and Judith (—) Fisher.

Samuel (5) Wilcox, b. Dartmouth 30 Sep. 1739

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be the first Tanner who became a freeholder in Rhode Island. That his education was respectable for his day is evident, and that his ancestors were freeholders in England is in harmony with traditions.

COAT OF ARMS.

We may note for those who are interested in heraldry, that the coat of arms of the Tanners in the counties of Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Wilts and Surry, also Devon is three Moors' heads. The reader is referred to the "Visitations" of those counties for further information.

Abbreviations used in this book:

- b., born.
- ch., children.
- d., died.
- m., married.
- resi., residence.
- s., single
- umm., unmarried.

THE TANNERS OF RHODE ISLAND.

FIRST GENERATION.

WILLIAM TANNER, SR., OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R. I.

William Tanner, b. about 1660; m., 1st, a daughter of Henry Tibbetts, by whom he had a son, William (1), who settled on land given him by his grandfather, Henry Tibbetts in the present town of North Kingstown, R. I.;* resi. [South] Kingstown.—Yeoman.

William Tanner m. 2d, Mary Babcock, dau. of Job Babcock of Westerly, R. I., and wife, Jane Crandall. (Will of Job Babcock made March 26th, 1715, approved April 7th, 1718. "Item, I give unto my daughter, Mary Tanner's heirs, one shilling; occupation, miller." Westerly Town Records).

Ch. by this m.:

- 2 BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 24, 1692. (Tombstone record). Thomas assumed to be a son, who settled about 1730 in Litchfield county, Conn., and about 1740 in Cornwall, Conn. He had three sons, William, Thomas and John. For Thomas, see Genealogy of Thomas Tanner by Rev. Elias F. Tanner, A. B., Lansing, Mich., 1893, D. B. Thorp, printer.

3 JOHN, b. —

4 AVIS, b. —

*Genealogy of William Tanner of North Kingstown, R. I., and his descendants, published by the Rev. Geo. C. Tanner, D. D., Faribault, Minn., 1905; also Town Records of North Kingstown, R. I.

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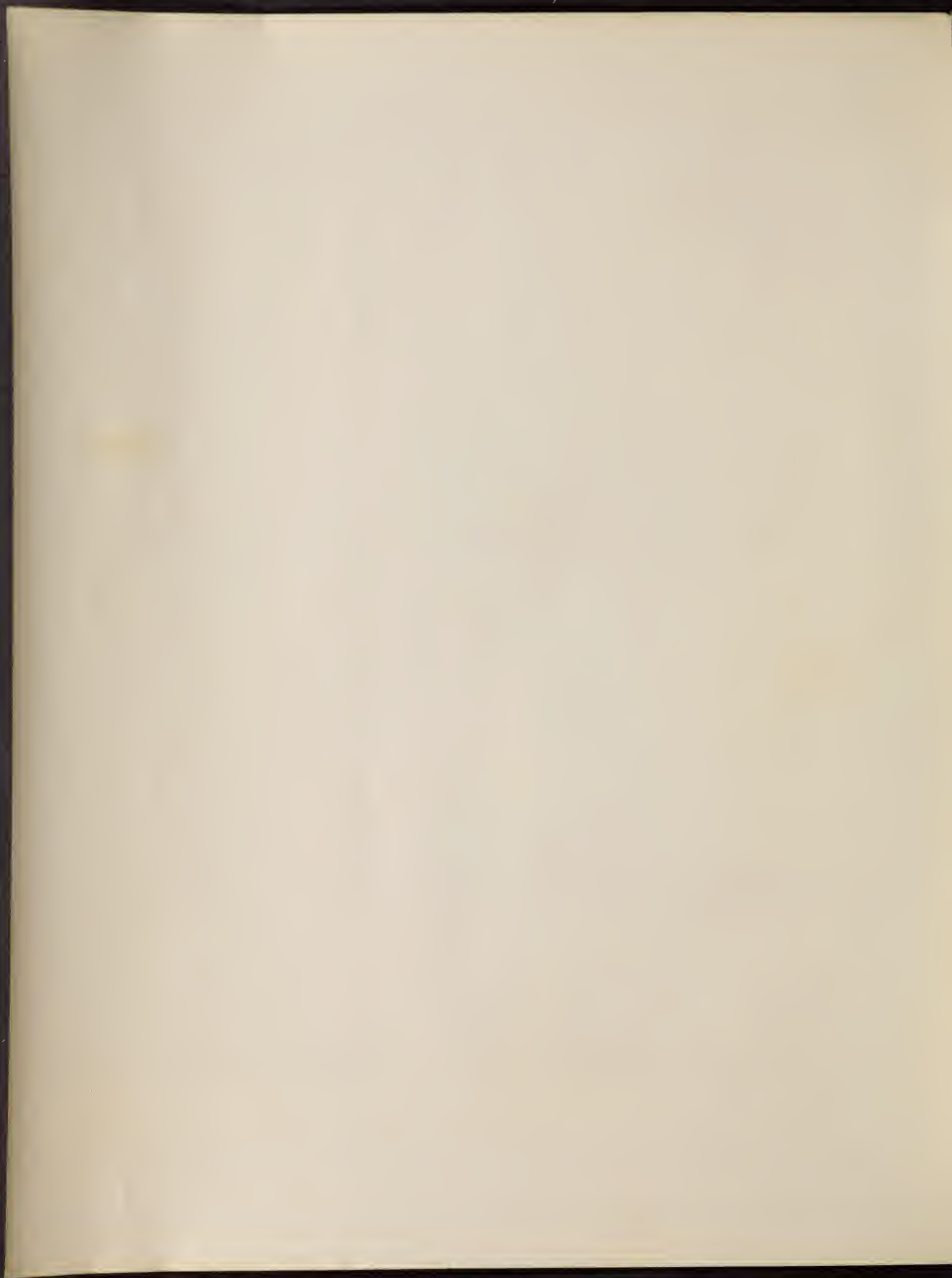
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Further research may show that the 3d wife was the daughter of Francis and Anna Colgrove of Westerly, who were members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly, now Hopkinton. There was a daughter Elizabeth, and if we place her birth about 1688 it will agree with the births of the other children of Francis and Anna Colgrove. The fact that among the ch. of William and Elizabeth Tanner are Francis, Anna, and Elizabeth, and that John Tanner of Newport m. Mary Colgrove, seems to explain the Will of Deacon John Tanner of Newport, who calls Francis Tanner of Hopkinton his "kinsman," and gives "Mary, daughter of Isaac Tanner," etc.

[From notes by Mrs. Louise Prosser Bates, of Oak Lawn, R. I.]

The intimate relations between the Tanners and the Colgroves make the above theory very probable. Colgroves and Tanners are found later in Otsego Co., N. Y.

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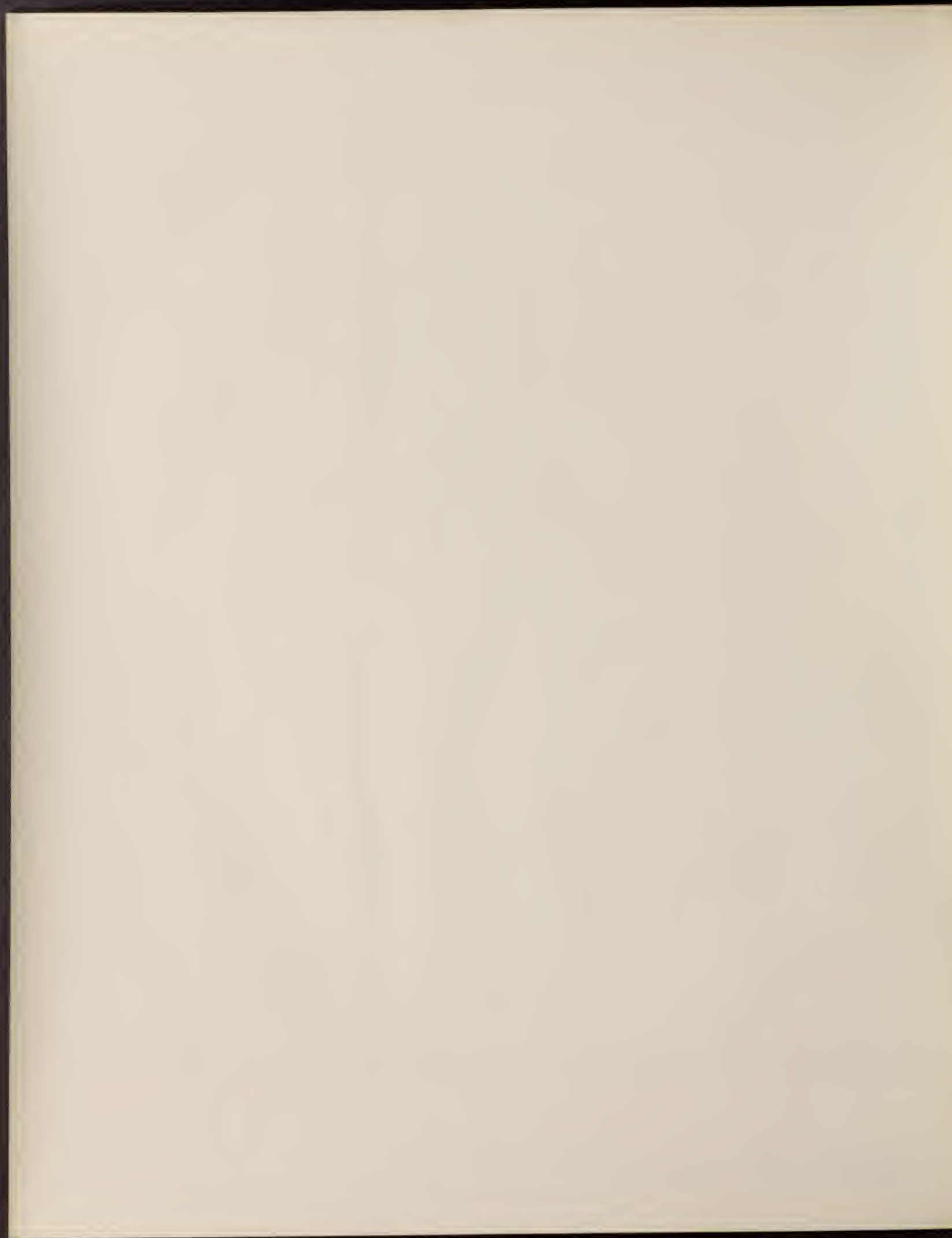
- 6 FRANCIS, b. July 3d, 1708.
- 7 NATHAN, b. Feb. 20th, 1709-10.
- 8 ANNA, b. Mar. 15th, 1712.
- 9 REBECCA, b. July 2, 1714.
- 10 ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 14, 1717.
- 11 ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 17, 1719.

The Rev. Francis Tanner, who was b. in Hopkinton, R. I., a grandson of Francis, (6), has preserved in his own hand this record of the ch. of the 3d wife, probably copied from the old Bible said to have been in his possession, but now lost. The Town Records of South Kingstown are silent as to the births of the children of the 3d wife, except Nathan.

The following is from a manuscript record in the Office of the Town Clerk in South Kingstown, R. I., "William Tanner and Elizabeth Cottrell married, 1722 or '3, the last figure being illegible; signed Rowse Helme, Justice.

This is immediately followed by "Thomas Barber and Avis Tanner were joined in marriage this 18th day of April, Ano. Dom. 1723. before me, Rowse Helme, Just."

North Kingstown Probate, April, 1721. Will of John Cottrill of N. K. proved: Wife, Elizabeth, dau.-in-law, Elizabeth, dau. — Cottrill; son John Cottrill; cousin, Nicholas Cottrill of Westerly, North Kingstown Decds, Vol. 9, p. 140; Mar. 31, 1738, Elizabeth Tanner, with the consent of her husband William Tanner of So. Kingstown, for love and good will towards my son, John Cottrell of North Kingstown, quit claims her interest in 70 acres in N. Kingstown, which formerly



SECOND GENERATION.

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BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, son of William and Mary (Babcock) Tanner; b. Dec. 24, 1692, (probably) in South Kingstown, R. I.; m., 1st, Joanna, 3d child of Samuel and Joanna (Crandall) Lewis, who names her in his will, made Aug. 5, 1734, proved Feb. 1, 1739; m. 2d, April 13, 1741, Deborah Stillman, of Westerly, R. I.; b. Jan. 11, 1706-7. The death of Joanna does not appear, but was after 1733. The will of Benjamin was made April 23, 1767, approved, June 29, 1767; occupation, miller, and yeoman; admitted freeman in South Kingstown; also, in East Greenwich, which then included West Greenwich, 1736-7. He was one of the early members of the First Sabbatarian Church in the present town of Hopkinton.

Samuel Lewis of Westerly, wife Joanna, in his will, dated August 5, 1734, proved Feb. 1, 1739, names wife Joanna, gives dau. Joanna Tanner 5 s., to Joanna's children the rest of his estate at the ages of 21 and 18, and at the decease of his wife, they to have what is left of household goods, and £400. Inventory, £2508, 17s, 7d, etc., etc.

Will of George Stillman of Westerly, made Apr. 18, 1750, mentions wife Deborah (Crandall) Stillman, dau. Deborah Tanner. Son-in-law Benjamin Tanner named in codicil, also a son of Deborah Tanner under twenty-one, and a daughter under eighteen, July 20, 1757.

The following is copied from the records of the town of West Greenwich, R. I.:

Benjamin Tanner (2) was born the 7th day of ye week, December the 24th Day, A. D. 1692.

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13 Mary taner was born the 7th Day of the weak February the 21th Day A. D., 1719.

14 Joanna taner was born the 7th Day of the weak July the 3th Day, 1721.

15 Content taner was born the 3th Day of the weak November the 8th Day, A. D., 1726.

16 Benjamin taner was born the 20th Day of August, A. D., 1730.

17 James taner was born the 5th Day of April, A. D., 1733.

18 Deborah taner was born the 6th Day of the weak, January the 22th Day, A. D., 1741. (New Style, 1742.)

Of the above, Sarah, Mary, Content, and Deborah, died unmarried. Deborah was a woman of fine mind, and for her day, cultivated. She d. in 1814, aged 72 years. Pieces of her handiwork are still (1905) in

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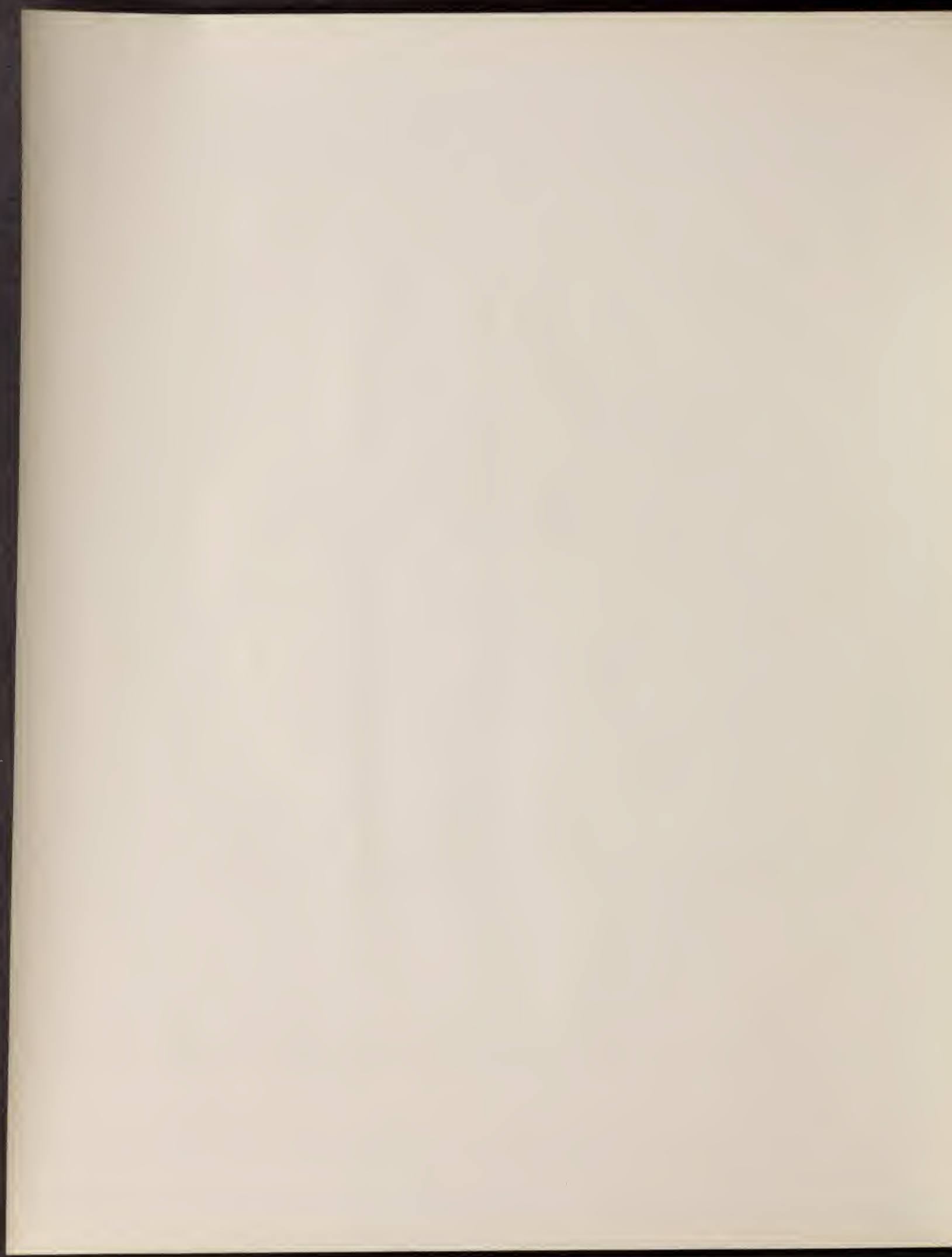
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To the above children of Benjamin Tanner, must be added
19 Nathaniel, the date of whose birth is not recorded.

The record of the births of the children of Benjamin Tanner was made by J. Slocum, who was town clerk from May, 1743, to May 1744, and is in one hand writing. It is therefore probable that Nathaniel was born subsequently to May 1743.

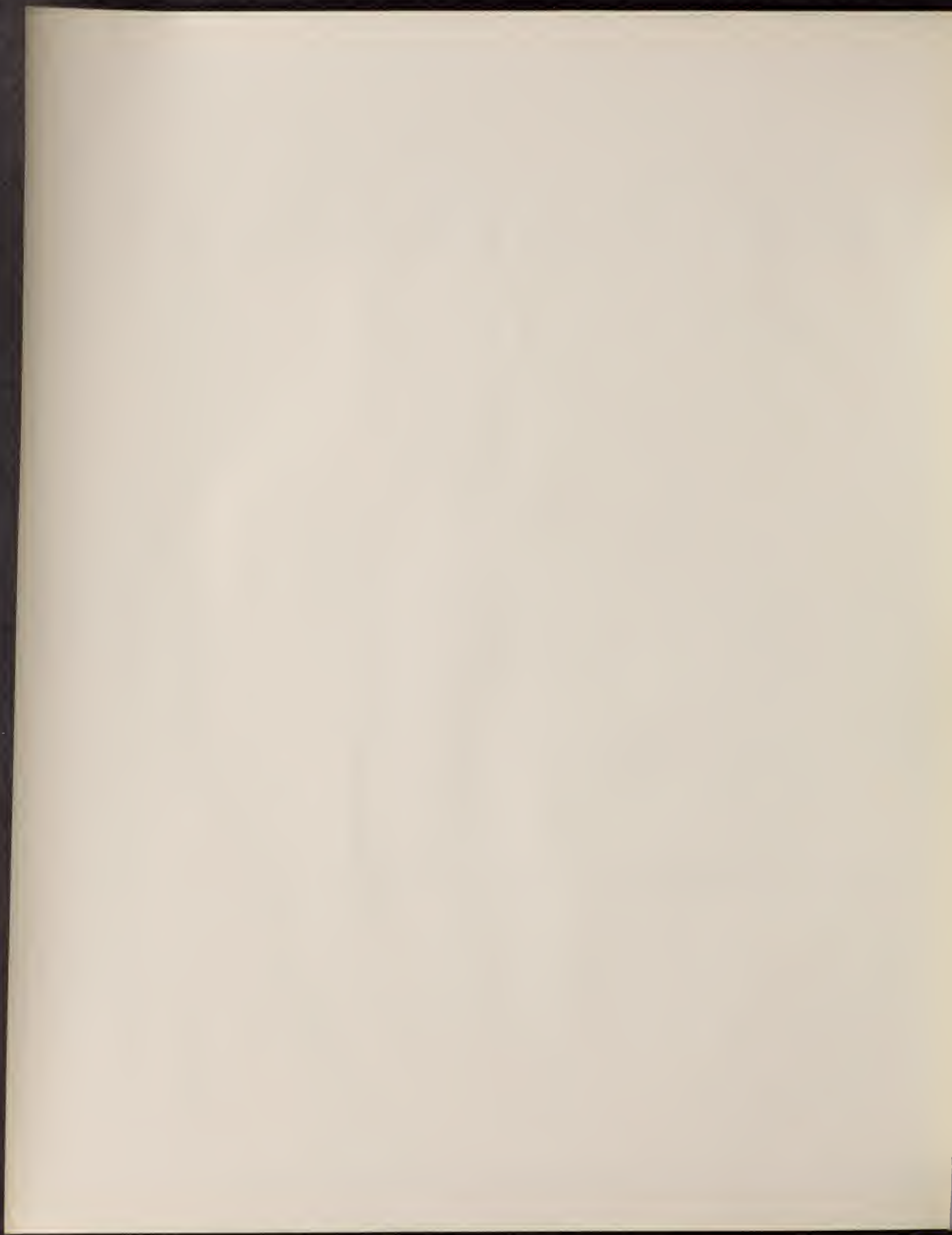
Benjamin Tanner sells land in South Kingstown in 1733. Not long after, he removed to what is now West Greenwich, then within the limits of East Greenwich, where he bought a tract of land at the foot of Escoheag Hill, lying along Wood River, on which he built a grist and saw mill. The grist mill was in operation for four generations, and the land is still in the family, being owned by Mrs. Roxy Barber, wife of Gardner Barber of Exeter, R. I.

Benjamin Tanner d. 1767.

December 2, 1746, Benjamin Tanner "Joyned the Petit Juror to attend ye Cort of General Sessions of ye Peace, & Inferior Cort of Common Pleas to be held at Providence on ye third Tuesday of this Instant Dec'mr."

"1762 Benjamin Tanner drawn a Grand Juror to serve at Inferior Court of Common Pleas, &c."

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South Kingstown.



Lucinda Maria m. Joshua Paine, son of Pardon and Mary Turner Paine. Children were:

WAITIE MIRANDA, b. Jan. 27, 1836.
 GEORGE WESTCOTT, b. Dec. 8, 1838.
 HENRY JOSHUA, b. Aug. 6, 1841.
 SUSAN MARIA, b. Nov. 26, 1846.
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 Susan Maria m. Daniel W. Goodspeed.

14

JOANNA, BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, dau. of Benjamin(2) and Joanna (Lewis) Tanner; b. in South Kingstown, R. I., July 3, 1721; m. Feb. 27, 1738-9, in West Greenwich, R. I., Joseph Tanner, b. Feb. 2, 1719-20; in Westerly (Richmond), R. I., son of John Tanner, of Richmond. [For record, see line of John (3), Part Second.]

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JAMES, BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, son of Benjamin (2) and Joanna (Lewis) Tanner; b. April 5, 1733, in South Kingstown, R. I.; m. Dec. 24, 1753, Mary (Mercy) Wilcox, dau. of George Wilcox of Stonington; m. by Newman Perkins, Justice.

Children—(Order of birth not known).

31 JAMES, (as supposed).

32 AMOS.

33 ZEBULON.

34 WILLIAM, b. Feb. 5, 1761.

35 BENJAMIN, b. 1771.

36 ELISHA.

37 BRISTON, killed in the battle of Brandywine.

The will of James Tanner, made June 24, 1777, gives all his estate to his wife Mary for her use during life if she does not marry, and "to bring up my small children," and after her death or marriage, to his small children equally, excepting Amos, who is to have half as much as the rest. The names of the other children are not named and no names or dates of birth are in the Town Records.

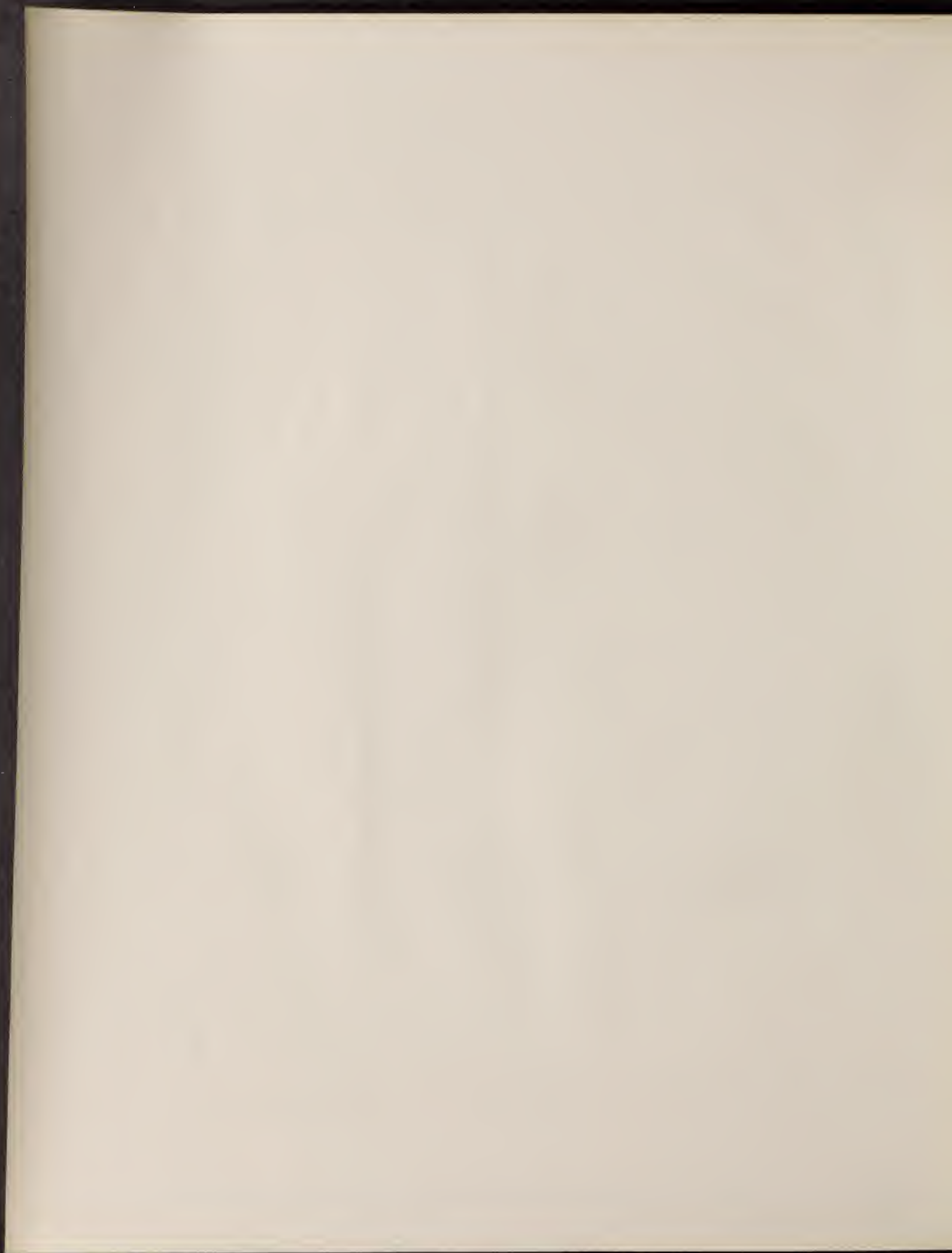
The names of the children of James Tanner of West Greenwich are obtained from other records, as follows below.

March 26, 1785, a guardian is appointed, on application, to care for this property.

The following is found in the Town Records of West Greenwich: "April 19, 1784, William Tanner, and Mary, widow, sell to Ebenezer Wilcox, two elevenths of a tract of eighty acres. [This was the amount of land owned by James Tanner, lying along Wood river.]

August 10th, 1786, Zebulon Tanner of West Greenwich, sells his right and title in eighty acres, bounded south by the land of the heirs of Nathaniel Tanner, S. W. on Wood river, N. and N. E. by land of Thomas Stone, &c.

October 18, 1791, Benjamin Tanner of Worthington, County of Hampshire, Mass., Yeoman, sells to Paul Pirkins of Exeter, land in



West Greenwich, lot No. 2, "formerly belonging to my honored father, James Tanner," divided by a jury, by order of a superior court of judicature, &c. Signed, BENJAMIN TANNER.

January 17, 1792, Elisha Tanner and wife Abigail, of Randolph, County of Orange, Vermont, sell to Thomas Stone eight acres, bounded west on Wood river, that Thomas Wilcox's grist mill stands on, south on land of Nathaniel Tanner, which belongs to his heirs, and land of Thomas Wilcox, &c. [Elisha Tanner a drummer in Col. John Topham's Reg. R. I., "Spirit of '76."]

This gives us the names of the children of James Tanner at the time the court ordered the division of the land, with the exception of two,—James and Briston, and two elevenths not accounted for. But the writer is informed by a descendant of this branch of the family that Briston Tanner was killed in the battle of Brandywine; unmarried.

A Zophar Tanner appears among the R. I. Continental soldiers. But no record is found of his descendants, and the writer is inclined to the opinion that he was either an Indian or a colored servant belonging to one of the families, as it is known that there were such.

Of the seven sons of James Tanner of West Greenwich, six are known to have been Continental soldiers, whose record will appear later.

It appears from the record above, that one portion, or two-elevenths of the estate remains unaccounted for, which may be the portion of James Tanner, who with Job Tanner, appears in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1775. In the census of West Greenwich, 1777, two persons appear of the name of James Tanner, who must be father and son, there being no others of that name.

It appears from the Town Records of West Greenwich, that a colony from Rhode Island settled in Dutchess County. In 1763, Edward Thorne of Dutchess County desires letters to said county from West Greenwich, as was the custom in removing from one town to another. Charles and Francis Berry ask advice from the Select Men of West Greenwich regarding the care of a child, asking for help. In 1770 a Certificate is asked of the council of West Greenwich, R. I., for the children of Daniel Case, which is refused, then sojourning in the town of Dover, Province of New York.

James Tanner would therefore be considered a citizen of West Greenwich and enrolled accordingly until he had by certificate, or property, become a citizen of Dutchess County. William Tanner of Exeter had already emigrated to Rensselaer County, and Thomas Tanner of Rhode Island had settled in Litchfield County, Conn., which adjoined that part of New York. It is not unlikely therefore that James Tanner of Dutchess County was a son of James Tanner of West Greenwich.

This is confirmed by the fact that in 1786 Zebulon Tanner in West Greenwich and Samuel Potter of Batesman Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., request of the Town Council of West Greenwich support for a child.

Among the list of Tanners in the Revolution who served in Massachusetts Regiments, is the name of James Tanner, private, 8th Company, Col. John Bailey's Regiment, Continental Army, pay accounts for service from May 2, to May 11, 1777, reported deserted, age 26 years, stature 5 feet 8 inches, enlistment 3 years—deserted May 11th, 1777,—reported a transient. Attention is called to the fact that nearly all of the Tanners reported as serving in the Continental army in Massachusetts

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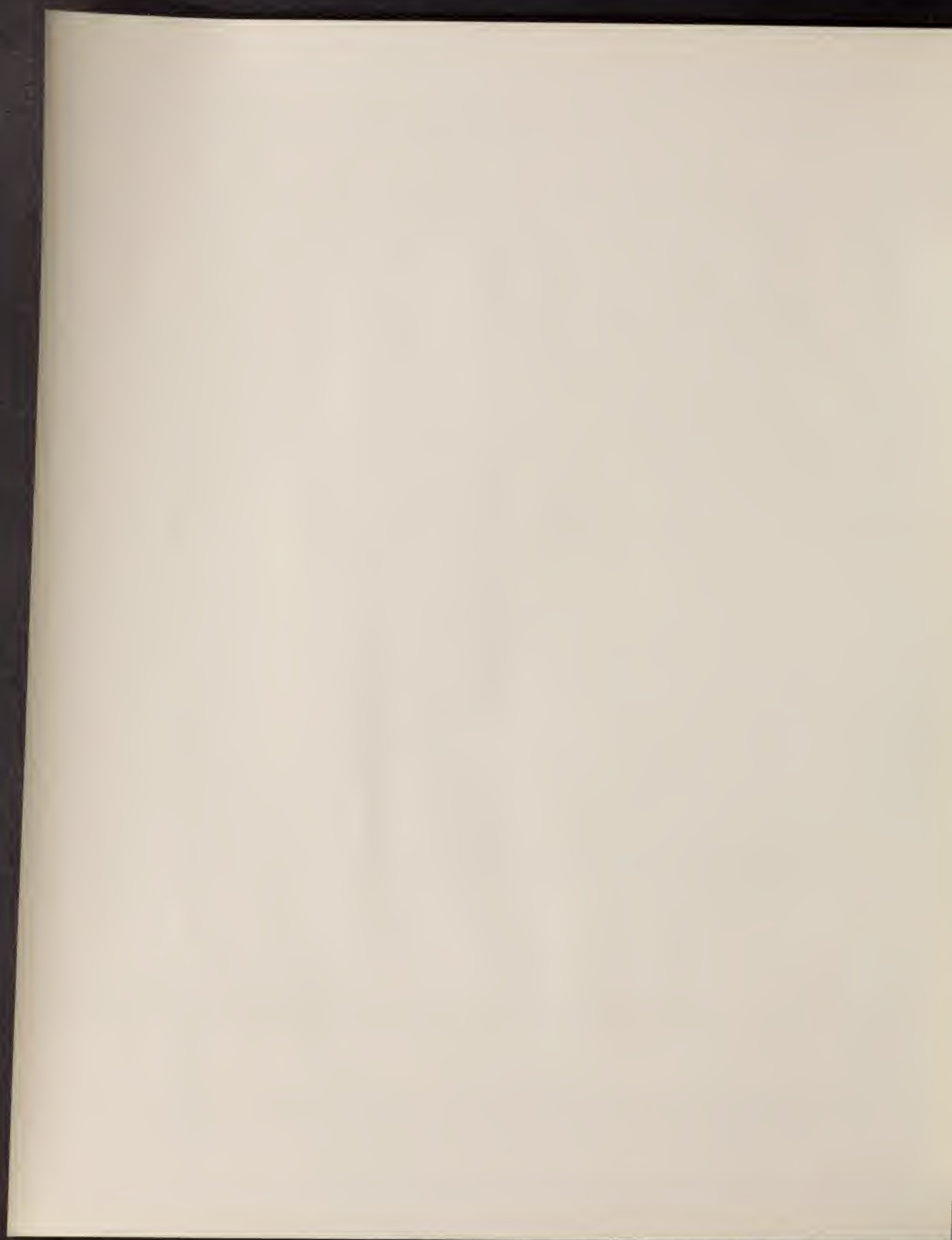
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While there are some difficulties in this theory, we offer it as a possible solution. Nearly every father named a son after his own name; and while the tombstone record of the age of the father seems to conflict with the age of the enlistment as also the marriage, yet there may be an error in the transcribing of dates.

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NATHANIEL, BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, son of Benjamin, (2) and Deborah (Stillman) Tanner; b. in West Greenwich, R. I.; m. Watey Bly of West Greenwich; he d. 1782. Inventory of goods made May 20th, 1782. Wife Wate makes her will December 22d, 1782.

Children—

38 ANNA, b. ?

39 ELIZABETH, b. ?

40 STILLMAN, b. June 4, 1770.

Elizabeth emigrated with her sister, Anna, to N. Y., never married and d. before 1845.

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ANNA, NATHANIEL, BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, dau. of Nathaniel, (19) and Wate (Bly) Tanner, b. in West Greenwich, R. I.; m. Jeremiah Stone, son of Thomas and Betsey Stone of West Greenwich, R. I. "Betsey, wife of Thomas Stone d. November, 1810, and he d. the November after."

Children—

NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 14, 1782; d. Apr. 2, 1784.

ALLEN, b. Feb. 27, 1784.

BETSEY, b. Jan. 17, 1787.

NANCY, b. Mar. 9, 1790.

JEREMIAH, b. June 6, 1792.

ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 6, 1795, d. Mar. 6, 1806.

LAURY, b. Oct. 3, 1798; d. Aug. 17, 1874.

SARAH, b. Aug. 29, 1800, d. Apr. 23, 1844.

CHAUNCEY, b. Sept. 30, 1803.

NATHANIEL, 2d, b. Jan. 4, 1806.

ABIGAIL, 2d, b. Apr. 25, 1808.

The above record of births is copied from the old Bible printed in 1813, bought by Jeremiah Stone, Sr., at Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1815, now, (1903) in possession of Nathaniel Stone of Corry, Pa., who with Jeremiah Stone of that city is a son of Chauncey Stone by his 2d wife, Malvinia.

Jeremiah and Anna (Tanner) Stone sell Stillman Tanner of West Greenwich, land in 1788, known for many years as the "Stone" farm, on which the writer was born.

Jeremiah Stone d. at Victor, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1827, and Anna d. at Evans Centre, Erie Co., N. Y., Sept. 16, 1844, and is buried near Angola, N. Y., where others of the family sleep.

